this, and there is not that, and he wanted to be empowered... *(interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Mr. Alagh, you make your submissions to the Chair.

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH: Sir, I only want this clarification. Is the Government committed to drinking water as a minimum need as is defined in the Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan or has the hon. Minister made a new policy announcement that he is going to do something else? At least, this much he should make clear to us.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Sir, no Government consisting of human beings can have any other opinion except that this is a basic necessity. It is a basic necessity. It is a basic service. We are committed to that. But, I am talking of how we satisfy that basic need of yours.

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सनातन बिसि): कोहली जी, आप क्या बोलना चाहते थे?

श्री ओ०पी० कोहली (दिल्ली): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, दिल्ली में पानी की समस्या के जो और कारण हैं उसमें एक कारण मल्टी ऑथोरिटी सिस्टम भी है। माननीय मंत्री जी, दिल्ली में डी०डी०ए० ने कई अंडरग्राउंड वाटर टैंक बनाए हुए हैं। लेकिन वह एम०सी०डी० को हैंड ओवर नहीं हो रहे हैं जिसकी वजह से उन वाटर टैंकों का उपयोग नहीं हो रहा है।

I know one such water-tank in Trilokpuri area which has been constructed by the DDA and the same has not been handed over to the MCD. Since it is not being commissioned, it is not being used. I think, there might be many more such water-tanks which should be handed over to the MCD so that the people get water. I request you to kindly look into this.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Certainly, we look into this.

INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE

Regarding Disciplinary Action Against Dr. U.N. Biswas, Joint Director, C.B.I.

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री मदन लाल खुराना): उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, सरकार द्वारा कलकत्ता उच्च न्यायालय के अप्रैल 29, 1998 के निर्णय के संदर्भ में की जाने वाली कार्रवाई का विषय कल लोक सभा में कई बार उठा था, यहां भी यह मामला उठा। डा० यू०एन० बिस्वास, संयुक्त निदेशक, सी०बी०आई० ने यह अपील सैंट्रल एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव ट्रिब्यूनल के आदेश के विरुद्ध दायर की थी। सरकार द्वारा कल लोक सभा को बताया गया कि इस मामले में कानूनी राय लेकर सदन को आज सूचित किया जाएगा। मैंने आज लोक सभा में सूचित कर दिया। सभापति महोदय ने मुझे यह आदेश दिया है कि यहां भी मैं सूचित कर दूं, इस सदन में भी सूचित कर दूं कि डा० बिस्वास के विरुद्ध विभागीय कार्रवाई क्वेश करने संबंधित कलकत्ता उच्च न्यायालय के निर्णय के बारे में कानूनी राय उपलब्ध होना बाकी है। नियमानुसार सुप्रीम कोर्ट में अपील करने की कार्रवाई अगस्त 12, 1998 तक की जा सकती है। सरकार इस मामले में कानूनी राय उपलब्ध होते ही जल्दी से जल्दी निर्णय लेगी।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now, we will take up the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Bill, 1998.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Sir, I wanted to know whether they are going in for an appeal?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): This is only for the information of the House.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: What information?

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): What information? Are you going in for an appeal in court?

श्री मदन लाल खुराना: मैंने यह कहा कि कानूनी राय लेकर ही इसके बारे में कार्रवाई की जाएगी।

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, I want to seek a clarification...*(interruptions)*... What we want is... *(interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTAN BISI): There cannot be any discussion on this.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, there is a ruling by the hon. Chairman ...*(interruptions)*... Let me complete.....*(interruptions)*...I asked for all the facts. The hon. Chairman, said, "I will come to you."

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): I know that. Just, let me say...*(interruptions)*...Please, take your seat.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Now, the hon. Minister has come making a statement that legal opinion would be taken. He cannot get precedence over the hon. Chairman...*(interruptions)*...The hon. Chairman has to make a statement here getting all the facts...*(interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Mr. Ravi, Please take your seat. I was present in the House when the Chairman said this thing. He said that he is examining all the papers and he himself will state all these things. Since he has made a statement on the same matter in the other House....*(interruptions)*...

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Sir, this is only for the information of the Hou...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): This is only for the information of the House. The Chairman is seized of the matter.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BILL, 1998

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): Now, we will take up Statutory Resolution on National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Second) Ordinance, 1998. Shri Gurudas Das Gupta, not present; Shri Gaya Singh, not present; Shir J. Chithranjan, not present. So, the Resolution is not moved.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, with your permission I move:

> "That the Bill to declare the institution known as the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research to be an institution of national importance and to provide for its incorporation and matters connected therewith, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration"

THE VICE-CHAIRNAM (SHRI SANATAN BISI): The Motion is moved...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Kernataka): Will he not mention the salient features of the Bill?...*(interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANATAN BISI): O.K., Mr. minister, please make a mention.

DR. A.K. PATEL: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, in our country there are a large number of educational institutions imparting diploma and degree courses in pharmacy, but there is no institution of excellence in pharmacy, as available in other fields, like engineering, technology, medical education, etc. The approach and the concept of NIPER from the very beginning has been to set up an institute of excellence to provide leadership in the field of pharmaceutical education, research and training. NIPER is expected to go beyond the conventional and traditional methods of teaching. The wide spectrum of objectives and activities of NIPER necessitates a degree of autonomy particularly in respect of developments and adoption of the education and training curricula. Such an autonomy and flexibility as available to the Institutes like the IITs, can be given only if NIPER is declared an Institute of national importance and is empowered to adopt its own curricula and award degrees and fellowships, etc.